



City of Pleasant Hill

CITY AT WORK

Summer 2005

Starting with this edition of the OUTLOOK, the Public Works and Community Development Department is highlighting public works activities within the City. The Public Works operations are composed of two divisions—Engineering and Maintenance. The Engineering Division handles the construction inspection and contract administration for Capital Improvement Projects such as traffic signals, sidewalks, streets, and storm drains. This Division also addresses traffic issues; encroachment permits in the public property; flood plan issues; and new subdivision development including plan checking and inspections. The Maintenance Division performs routine maintenance of City landscaping, equipment, fleet vehicles, temporary pothole repair, storm drain cleaning, and street sweeping. In addition, this Division maintains City buildings (City Hall, Public Service Center, and the Police Department building) in a condition that preserves these essential City facilities.

Engineering Division

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Maintenance Division

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To email comments and concerns pertaining to the public works operation, please use the yellow "Contact Pleasant Hill" button on the City web site. [Contact Pleasant Hill](#)

Engineering Staff Directory (area code 925)

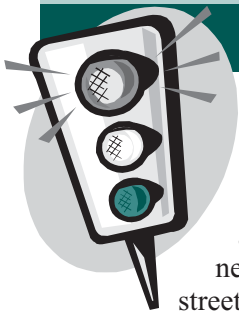
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Steve Kersevan, Senior Traffic Engineer	671-5203
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Maintenance Staff Directory (area code 925)

Steve Wallace, Director, PW and CD	671-5208
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Important Public Works Operations Numbers (area code 925)

Street Maintenance & Sweeping (potholes, storm drains, sweeping and city landscaping)	671-4646
Traffic Issues (parking, signs, signals, striping and traffic calming)	671-5203
Capital Improvement Projects (pavement and storm system rehab)	671-5262
Subdivision Development (grading, plan checking and inspections)	671-5261
Encroachment Permits (sidewalk, driveway and utility repair, fences & grading)	671-5232



TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Traffic Engineering group, in collaboration with the Police Department, is responsible for implementing the traffic policies of the City. Common traffic issues are street parking, traffic signal repair, neighborhood traffic concerns, traffic signs, street striping and any other related concerns.

This group also provides traffic volume information for most major roadways throughout the City and can conduct residential area speed and volume traffic studies. A copy of the Traffic Calming Policy, STOP sign warrants, and Speed Hump policies addressing speeding issues in residential

neighborhoods are available on the City web site or at the Public Works counter.

Complex traffic issues can be brought to the Traffic Safety Committee. This seven-member committee includes the Public Works/Community Development Director, Chief of Police, the City Traffic Engineer, two members with technical background appointed by City Council, and two residents appointed by the Committee. The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the large community room at City Hall.

For any traffic related concerns please call Steve Kersevan at (925) 671-5203 or e-mail at skersevan@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.



The Crossroads. This project is building a Kohl's Department Store at the southwest corner of Monument Boulevard and Buskirk Avenue. Additional neighborhood supporting business shops are being built along the Monument Boulevard portion of the shopping center. It is the first phase of a multi-phase effort to redevelop the Contra Costa Center. Kohl's is scheduled to be open before the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Best Western Hotel. The 3-story hotel at 1432 Contra Costa Boulevard just south of Ellinwood Drive has been under construction since early 2004. Hotel Project Managers estimate that the Hotel will open in the Fall of 2005.

Oak Park Gardens. This new project will build seven single-family homes in a cluster type development. Grading is underway at the former 1632 Oak Park Blvd. Home construction is expected to begin in mid-summer and continue through the winter of 2005.

Coggins Apartments. The project is building a 130-unit apartment complex on the site of the old Coco's Restaurant and Mr. Pickwick's Pub. No date has been given for opening but City staff believe units will come onto the market in the spring of 2006.

Buckeye Crossing. Two new home sites were created at 580 Creekside Drive. Major grading and the installation of underground utilities are underway. The developer intends to begin construction of one home this summer after the developer obtains architectural design approvals.

Lincoln Green Apartments. The apartment at 225 Coggins Drive is building 20 new units and doing upgrades of existing facilities. Work is continuing through the summer of 2005.

UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Important Utility Phone Numbers

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
(sewer emergencies)
(925) 933-0955

Comcast (TV cable customer service)
(800) 945-2288

Contra Costa Water District
(water emergencies)
(925) 688-8095 (weekdays)
or 688-8374 (all other times)

Diablo Vista Water District
(private residence)
(925) 938-9510

East Bay Municipal Utility District
(water emergencies)
(866) 403-2683

Pacific Gas & Electric Company
(gas and electric emergency)
(800) 743-5000

SBC (phone customer service)
(800) 310-2355

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) CCWD Patterson Boulevard Water Pipeline

The City of Pleasant Hill has worked closely with CCWD to reconstruct the Patterson Boulevard main water pipeline. The goal behind this construction activity is to replace the underground utility infrastructure beneath Patterson before the City rebuilds and repaves this busy street. This way, it's less likely major repairs will need to be made in the future to the myriad of pipes and other utilities under Patterson and the pavement will have a longer service life. Figure A shows the water line being installed.

CCWD's contractor D. R. Lemings Construction Company has begun replacing main water pipeline. Work will continue through July. The total length of the main line replacement is 3,900 linear feet. The contractor will install new water services to each resident along Patterson Boulevard. Motorists should expect delays or plan to use alternative routes during normal construction hours. For inquiries about above CCWD projects, please contact Gina Oltman at (925) 688-8010.



Figure A. CCWD Patterson Boulevard Water Line Project

UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS — continued

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) Vessing Sewer Renovation Phase 1

CCCSD has hired Darcy & Harty Construction Inc. to construct the Vessing project. This project will replace a major sewer line within Pleasant Hill. The Pleasant Hill areas affected are pipelines along Barnett Circle, Vicki Lane, Vessing Road, Murderer's Creek (behind Hoover Court and Rainbow Lane), Oak Park Lane, and Oak Park Boulevard. The District is proposing to replace the sewer line by trenching in some street locations and boring in other areas. Affected residents have been notified by CCCSD. The project is scheduled to begin July 2005.

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) Contra Costa Boulevard Sliplining Project (Gregory Lane to Chilpancingo Parkway)

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's (CCCSD) contractor is completing sliplining a 33-inch pipe into the existing sewer main underneath Contra Costa Boulevard from Gregory Lane to Chilpancingo Parkway. The process is to excavate two trench openings in the roadway in areas of sliplining. The sliplining pipe is pushed through the first trench opening and received at the second trench opening. Staff continues to work closely with the District and its contractor to ensure traffic flow is maintained at an acceptable level. Figure B shows the sliplining pipe being lower into the trench for placement. For inquiries about above CCCSD projects please contact Jacqueline Zayac at (925) 229-7200.

Figure B. Sliplining pipe being placed
in Contra Costa Boulevard trench



CREEKS

Annual Creek Clean Up

Residents are reminded that the City's annual Creek Clean-Up program will begin in August and will continue into the fall season. The creeks in the City are Murderer's, Matson, Grayson, North, Ellinwood, Linda, and Belle Ditch. A reminder notice explaining how to clear your portion of the creek of debris and vegetation that may have accumulated and grown since last year will be mailed to those residents who live near a creek.

For the past eight years, residents whose properties are next to a creek and their neighbors have done a great job of cleaning up the creek areas in an effort to minimize possible future flooding. The efforts made during the creek clean-up program help to preserve the natural habitat of fish and game that share the creek and also contribute to the continuing beauty of the creeks.

The City appreciates everyone's hard work and is looking forward to another successful clean-up program. Questions regarding the creek clean-up program or a request for a copy of the "Directions and Guidelines for Creek maintenance" can be made to the City's Public Services Department at 671-4646.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

For addition information about the following construction projects, please visit the City's web site at <http://www.pleasanthill.ca.gov/PublicWorks/cityproject.cfm> or contact the Engineering Division at (925) 671-5265.



Storm Drain Facilities Maintenance Project

This project will repair or replace deteriorated and non-functioning storm drain inlets and valley gutters. The project is programmed to occur this summer.

Hoover Court Slide Repair

A small embankment failure has occurred along Murderer's Creek behind Hoover Court. The failure has been stabilized. This project will rebuild the creek bank and restore lost plants. The walking path next to Murderer's Creek will be closed during construction. The project is programmed to be completed this summer.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – continued

Contra Costa Canal to Murderer's Creek Storm Drain Rehabilitation

A storm drain pipeline from Wendell Lane to Murderer's Creek running through both private and public properties had passed its useful life. Several sinkholes had formed in back and side yards of the properties where the pipe was located. The upper section of pipeline from Wendell Lane to Contra Costa Canal (phase 1) was in the worst condition. This upper section of pipeline was repaired on an emergency basis in the winter of 2001/02. The lower section of pipeline from Contra Costa Canal to Murderer's Creek (phase 2) was more stable and subsequently scheduled to be repaired at a later date. Figures C and D show a rusted out corrugated steel pipe (top) and the same pipe that has been relined (bottom).

The City is currently finishing the engineering design for phase 2. Where cost effectively feasible the project will use trench less pipe line replacement to lessen the construction impact to properties. Rehabilitation is scheduled for the fall of this year.

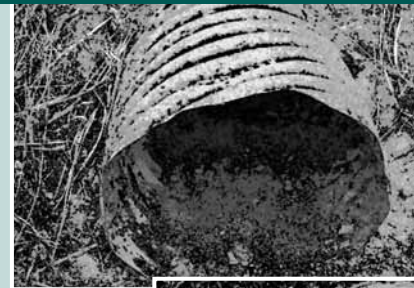


Figure C.
Rusted Pipe

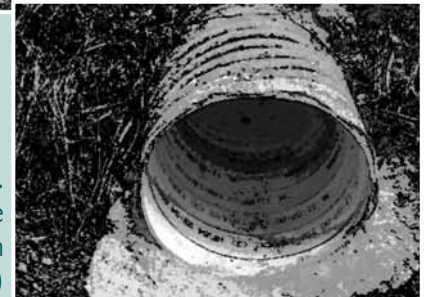


Figure D.
Relined Pipe
(new pipe in
old pipe)

Buskirk Avenue Street Improvements



Figure E. Buskirk Avenue Improvement
Project (utility installation)

The City has hired Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. to construct new entrances to The Crossroads (formerly Contra Costa) shopping center, sidewalks and medians; widen the roadway; install storm drain pipes; and install new traffic signals. These improvements will increase automobile and pedestrian traffic flow around the shopping center. As part of this work multiple underground utilities will be relocated to make room for the improvements. Bay Cities has placed changeable message signs along Monument Boulevard (2) and Buskirk Avenue (1) to notify motorists of the roadway work and potential delays during the length of the project. Additional Mall Entrance signs have been placed to clearly indicate driveway access to the Contra Costa Shopping Center (southern portion of property). A temporary walkway was installed to maintain pedestrian access through the site during construction. Figure E shows a utility pipe being installed as part of the roadway improvements.

2005 Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The City is to begin street reconstruction of Esther Drive, Patterson Boulevard, and Pleasant Valley Drive. These streets have been slated for reconstruction because of their poor condition. This project will reconstruct the three streets as follows: 1) mill off existing asphalt and place new asphalt overlay on Esther Drive; 2) remove the existing pavement section and place new asphalt section on Patterson Boulevard and 3) treat the existing pavement section with hardening lime and place a new asphalt overlay on top of Pleasant Valley Drive. The project also includes ADA access ramp upgrades, replacement of damaged curb and gutter, installation of signal loops and traffic striping. Motorists should expect delays or plan to use alternative routes during normal construction hours. Figure F shows which streets are being rehabilitated.



Figure F. 2005 Pavement Rehabilitation Location Map